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In re National Stage Patent Application of
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REPLACING NATURAL JOINTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned PCT national stage application, as amended during International Preliminary Examination, kindly further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "according to one of claims 1 or 2" and insert in lieu thereof --according to claim 1--.

N.E. Claim 4, line 1, delete "according to one of the claims 1 through 3" and insert in lieu thereof --according to claim 1--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

After the claims, please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure found on the accompanying sheet.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully submitted to eliminate multiple dependencies from the claims prior to